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USF Department of Anthropology Newsletter Spring 2020

Faculty Spotlight

USF's own Dr. Heather O'Leary shared her research during a panel hosted by the UN Women USA Gulf Coast Chapter on January 26 in Sarasota. "A Community Conversation About Gender and Climate Change" sparked discussion about the risks to women from climate change, and how people can become advocates for a better, more sustainable world.



Anthropologists in the News

On February 28th, the newly founded **Center for the Advancement of Food Security and Healthy Communities** hosted a symposium called 'Black Food Matters: Contextualizations of Race, Place, and Resistance in Food Movements'. The symposium was headlined by two scholars, Dr. Hanna Garth (University of California San Diego) and Dr. Ashanté M. Reese (University of Maryland Baltimore). Both speakers are emerging scholars in critical food studies, highlighting how systemic racism, particularly anti-Blackness, affects food systems in the U.S. and beyond.



Drs. Garth and Reese with symposium organizer and Ph.D. student Laura Kihlstrom



Dr. Hannah Garth



Dr. Ashanté M. Reese

USF Food Insecurity Study Prompts Changes to Local School Lunch Program.

"School environments are one of the places where teens get most of their food," said

Sarah Bradley, graduate student in the USF Department of Anthropology and author of the study. "For some teens who are food insecure, it may be the only full meal that they get."



Photovoice image from research participant titled "Need more."



Researchers, left to right: Paige Tucker, Mecca Burris, Sarah Bradley, Kayla Rykiel

The study centered around different focus groups in four different Pinellas county community centers in collaboration with the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and Feeding America. Teens expressed their opinions about the quality, quantity and amount of time they were given to eat a meal. Researchers also found that school environments present challenges for teens where they can be stigmatized as being poor. Bradley began the project with support from professor and Department of Anthropology Chair David Himmelgreen, PhD. One of the main goals was to raise public awareness about teen food insecurity.

"We focus a lot on children, we focus a lot on adults, but teens are often understudied and not well understood in terms of the effects of food insecurity on their health and well-being," said Himmelgreen.

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Christian Wells's work with the University Area Community Development Corporation was profiled in the Spring 2020 University of South Florida Magazine. According to the report, "Since late 2016, Wells, along with graduate and undergraduate students from USF, has been working in conjunction with the University Area Community Development Corp. (UACDC), a public/private partnership focused on the redevelopment and sustainability of at-risk areas surrounding the Tampa campus."



Super Students and Amazing Alumni!

The award honors the legacy of USF Anthropology Professor Emerita Susan D. Greenbaum, who worked to promote diversity, inclusion, and equality in her research, teaching, and service at USF and in the greater Tampa Bay community. The award is given by the department's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. Pirson, a senior pursuing Anthropology and International Studies degrees, has a strong record of academic achievements, demonstrates a commitment to the values and goals of diversity and inclusion, and has infused advocacy into her research. She has been a Fulbright U.K. Summer Institute awardee, has been a USAID Asia Counter Trafficking in Persons intern in

Thailand, and has been a volunteer a medical brigade to the Dominican Republic. In the summer of 2018, she spent time in a girls' shelter in Chiang Rai, Thailand. Pirson will attend the Cornell University Law School in the fall.



Anthropology major Sophia Diaz-Carraway has been selected for initiation into the USF Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this year.

Ph.D. student Lisa Armstrong has been awarded the USF Genshaft Family Doctoral Fellowship. The fellowship is awarded to "academically talented full-time doctoral students in areas specific to STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medical fields, including Psychology)."

Ph.D. student Heidi Miller has been awarded an Archaeology Grant from the Rust Family Foundation, advised by Dr. Diane Wallman to help fund Heidi's dissertation research. Heidi's dissertation will assess demographics and changes in health of the indigenous African population from Elmina, Ghana, the site of the first European trade post in sub-Saharan Africa.

Ph.D. student Christopher Eck and Dr. Robert Tykot have received an award as part of Chris' dissertation funding. They received an award through the AIA-NEH for archaeological research. This project will include radiocarbon dating and stable isotopic analyses of Neolithic human and animal remains from the central Po Valley, Italy.

University of Michigan School of Public Health profiled USF Anthropology alumnus Dr. Rohan D. Jeremiah, now Associate Professor in Community Health Sciences at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Jeremiah graduated from USF in 2012 with a dissertation project on "Interrogating Grenadian Masculinities and Violence Against Women: An Evaluation of the United Nations Partnership for Peace Program."

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Graduate archaeology students Chris Hunt, Ryan Harke, and Crystal Wright accomplished good research and public archaeology in February 2020 as they continued our search for the lost town of old St. Joseph (1836-41) in northwest Florida. With a student grant from Dr. Jonathan Bethard, Hunt directed remote sensing efforts to look for possible mass graves from the yellow fever epidemic that helped destroy the town. A community engagement program at the Gulf County Library in Port St. Joe drew their biggest crowd ever (162 people) to get collectors' artifacts identified, tell the story of the town, and obtain more local historical knowledge.

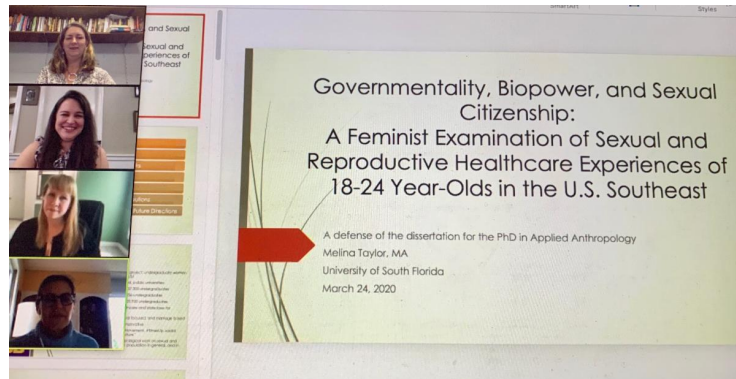


Crystal Wright and Chris Hunt in the field, using ground-penetrating radar to search for mass graves from the 1841 yellow fever epidemic that destroyed the town of old St. Joseph (photo by Ryan Harke)

Coping with Change

Dissertation defenses

This semester saw our first 100% virtual defenses for most of our defending Ph.D. students. Melina Taylor, Richard Bargielski, Kanan Mehta, Juan Pablo Arroyo, Jose Pena, Clarisse Barbier and Katie Shakour all successfully defended their work with more to come this spring and summer!



Graduate students take the lead!

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ph.D. student Jason Wilson (an emergency medicine physician) has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Dr. Wilson has diagnosed and treated multiple COVID patients and worked with the hospital to organize an operational response, serving on the Tampa General Hospital COVID Task Force (he is also one of the emergency department directors and the research director).

In addition, Jason has organized a broader front line and research response utilizing anthropology PhD students Emily Holbrook and Heather Henderson. Dr. Wilson is organizing a number of clinical trials at TGH to investigate potential drugs for the treatment of COVID, the use of alternative lab collection devices and potential diagnostic and risk stratification markers.

Research opportunity

Dr. Nancy Romero-Daza is organizing a special issue of *Human Organization* that seeks contributions for a special issue highlighting the way in which applied anthropology and related social sciences are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Manuscripts should clearly address the potential contributions applied social scientists can make to the creation and implementation of policies and programming to alleviate the detrimental impact of the pandemic at local, national, and global levels.

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Student Publications

During the 2019 American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA), Dr. Lorena Madrigal and her students presented seven papers. Over thirty students participated in the meetings in collaboration with Dr. Madrigal.

Faculty Awards and Honors

Dr. Kevin A. Yelvington has been awarded a Fulbright Award for teaching and research in Spain for the spring semester of 2021. Yelvington will be based at the Universidad de Alicante where he will incorporate undergraduate and graduate students into a research project on wine tourism. The research takes an economic anthropology approach to wine production, marketing, consumption, the role of the state, and the environmental impacts on the industry. The project is modeled on his National Science Foundation-funded research on wine tourism in Southern California that includes the participation of USF Applied Anthropology graduate students and others.



Yelvington lecturing in an undergraduate class on the Anthropology of Tourism at the Universidad de Alicante in 2019

Dr. Tara Deubel is being named a Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar and will be receiving an Outstanding Faculty Award on March 26th. This is a great honor for Dr. Deubel and for the department.

Dr. Erin Kimmerle has been awarded the 2020 Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. It's a testament to Dr. Kimmerle, her colleagues, and students efforts to find the truth regarding the remains of dozens of boys in unmarked graves at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, Florida. The department applauds Dr. Kimmerle's perseverance during the last four years in carrying out this work in sometimes very difficult circumstances.

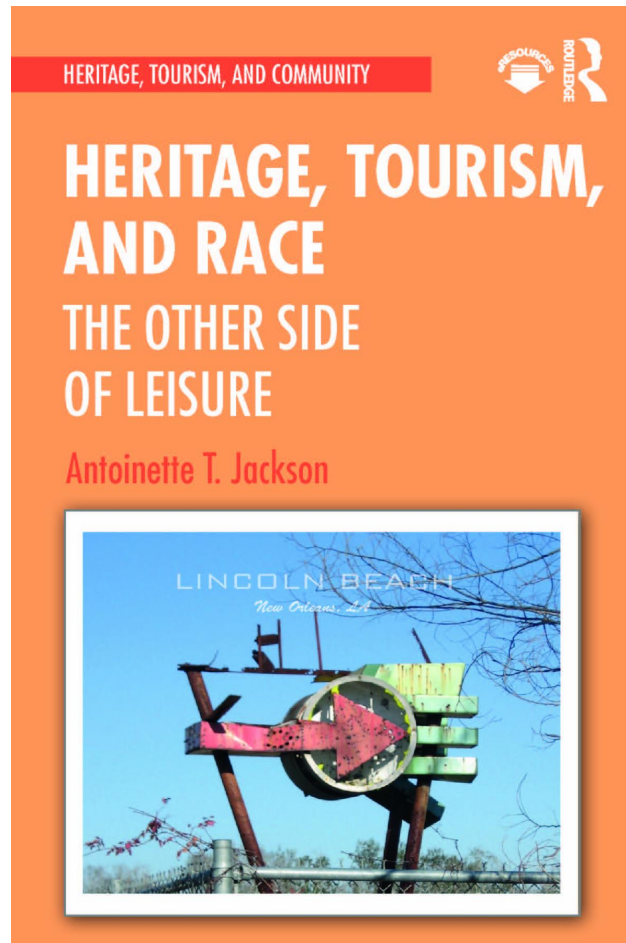
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New Faculty Grants

Dr. Antoinette Jackson was awarded a grant from the University of Virgin Island for Development of a Comprehensive Community Profile for the US Virgin Islands (NOV 2019-July 2020). This project is being conducted in partnership with co-PI, Dr. Roberto Barrios at Southern Illinois University (SIU) with several USF and SIU students assisting in project research/fieldwork. The Community Profile grant award is in support of the creation of a 5 -year Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the Territory as mandated by FEMA and VITEMA. The period of performance for the University of Virgin Island development of the HMP is SEP 2018 through SEP 2021.

Notable Reads

Dr. Antoinette Jackson's new book, *Heritage, Tourism, and Race: The Other Side of Leisure* has been sent to print and will be available April 2020.



Dr. Lorena Madrigal and her team were very busy during 2019. Her team includes current and former students A.C. Rivara, Caroll Flansburg, Christina Balentine, Ryan Grieger, Justin Lund, Michelle Ciambella, Deandre White, Eric Coris, Eduardo Gonzalez, and Anne C. Stone. Many of her collaborators are undergraduate students. According to Dr. Madrigal, researching with her undergraduates one-to-one is an important form of teaching.

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